



# Annual Report 2022 Summary





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 Erich Fenninger,  
 Managing Director of  
 Volkshilfe Austria at  
 the distribution of  
 emergency relief goods  
 in Chernivtsi in the  
 cooperation project  
 with AWO International.



# TOGETHER FOR A JUST WORLD

AWO International was founded in 1998 as a professional association for development cooperation and humanitarian action within the framework of the German welfare organization "Arbeiterwohlfahrt" (AWO). AWO International draws on the expertise and experience of Arbeiterwohlfahrt (AWO) in Germany. For over 100 years, the AWO has been an integral part of the German welfare state. Solidarity, tolerance, freedom, justice and equality – our basic values apply across borders. In close cooperation with national non-governmental organizations, AWO International is working to ensure that disadvantaged people can sustainably improve their living conditions.

In the event of disasters and crisis situations, AWO International is engaged in humanitarian relief and reconstruction. In Germany, AWO International looks at the challenges and opportunities of globalization and provides impulses for value-oriented, sustainable action. AWO International campaigns for fair trade and offers fair traded and ecologically produced products.

## **Fighting poverty and strengthening civil society**

As part of its development cooperation, AWO International promotes projects in Central America, South Asia, Southeast Asia and East Africa and collaborates with local non-governmental organizations working closely with the affected population. These projects aim to improve the social participation of disadvantaged social groups such as children and adolescents, women, migrants, indigenous people and disabled, elderly or sick people. We support people to develop their own life perspectives, to gain access to necessary resources and services. The aim is to strengthen the social structures in which people act at different levels so that they actively participate in political and social processes. In our work, we consistently proceed from a human rights approach.

## **Humanitarian action**

AWO International is involved in humanitarian relief and reconstruction. In cooperation with local partner organizations we provide fast and effective help for the affected population. These include measures such as the distribution of food, shelter and water and hygiene promotion. We promote reconstruction projects and are involved in disaster risk reduction. Our aim is to contribute to the

restoration of everyday civilian life in disaster and crisis areas. AWO International is a member of Aktion Deutschland Hilft e. V., the alliance of German relief organizations, which join forces in the event of a catastrophe in order to provide assistance quickly and effectively.

## **Global Education & Agenda 2030**

Also in Germany we are committed to raise the issues of solidarity and justice in the consciousness of the people. Our global education program focuses on the challenges and opportunities of globalization and provides impulses for value-oriented action. We draw attention to the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations and opportunities for participation and engage ourselves with our own products for fair trade. Global education raises awareness about global dependencies, relationships and encourages thinking about globally responsible and sustainable ways of living and acting. Our workshop, material and further education offers are aimed especially at organizations of volunteer services and at extracurricular youth work.

In 2015, the "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" was adopted by the 193 member states of the United Nations (UN), including Germany. With the help of the Agenda, the world community wants to tackle global challenges such as poverty, hunger and climate change. Together with several partner organizations, we will draw attention to the 2030 Agenda in the coming years.

## **Fair Trade**

AWO International campaigns for fair trade and sells its own fair trade and ecologically produced products. Consumers who buy fair trade products which are produced ecologically, act in solidarity and contribute to change. With this initiative, the association sends out a clear signal for justice and poverty reduction as well as for a sustainable and environmentally friendly economy in the countries of the global South. Because the purchase of fair products has a direct impact on the smallholders in the producing countries: fair trade helps them to achieve decent working and living conditions by paying fair prices, practising equal and long-term trade relations and promoting an environmentally friendly cultivation.

## Organization Chart



## AWO in Germany

Arbeiterwohlfahrt (AWO) is a decentralised German welfare association and one of the top six associations of the public welfare in Germany. AWO was founded in 1919 by Marie Juchacz. Due to its history and its socio-political understanding, it is a charitable organization with a special character: Women and men have come together as members and as volunteers and employees to participate in our society in dealing with social problems and to realize the democratic, social state of law. Guiding principles and a mission statement are the basis for action in the Arbeiterwohlfahrt.

The AWO in Germany is divided into:

- 30 state associations
- 397 district associations
- 3,268 local associations

The AWO in Germany is carried by:

- 300,265 members
- 72,453 volunteers
- 242,069 employees

The AWO maintains in all federal states in Germany over 18,000 facilities and services, including:

- Homes (e.g. nursing, older people, people with disabilities, women shelters, migrants, children and adolescents etc.)
- Day care centres (e.g. for children, adolescents and for elderly people)
- Information and advice centres (e.g. for migrants and foreigners, the unemployed, families, pregnant women, the elderly, the disabled, adolescents)

- Outpatient services (e.g. for elderly people)
- Counselling agencies
- Day care facilities
- Education institutions

As part of the AWO there are also over 3,500 self-help groups being active in civil society engagement, including:

- senior groups
- youth welfare and youth work
- for the chronically ill and disabled
- health self-help and contact groups
- Voluntary Agencies
- Helper groups for people in special emergencies (such as unemployment self-help, women's self-help)
- family help

More than 800 independent institutions, initiatives and organizations have joined the AWO at all levels as corporate members. The Arbeiterwohlfahrt has an independent youth organization (AWO-Jugendwerk).

## About our founder Marie Juchacz

Marie Juchacz is a very important woman in German history. She founded the Arbeiterwohlfahrt (AWO) in 1919 and was its chairwoman until 1933. She was among women in Germany who campaigned vehemently for women's voting rights. Marie Juchacz was a member of the SPD (Social Democrat Party) executive and head of the SPD women's office from 1917 to 1933. From 1919 to 1933 she was a member of the Weimar National Assembly and the Reichstag. On 19th February 1919 she was the first woman to give a speech in an elected parliament in Germany.



## OUR WORK ABROAD

As a professional association of the Workers' Welfare Association, we develop projects together with local partners to empower disadvantaged people and provide humanitarian aid in emergency situations. International project work in the areas of development cooperation, disaster risk reduction and humanitarian aid forms the core of our work.

**15**  
project countries

**51**  
projects abroad with

**46**  
local partner organizations in 2022

**309,683**  
direct beneficiaries supported  
with our projects in 2022



## EAST AFRICA

# ACHIEVING MORE TOGETHER – BUILDING A FARMERS' COOPERATIVE IN UGANDA

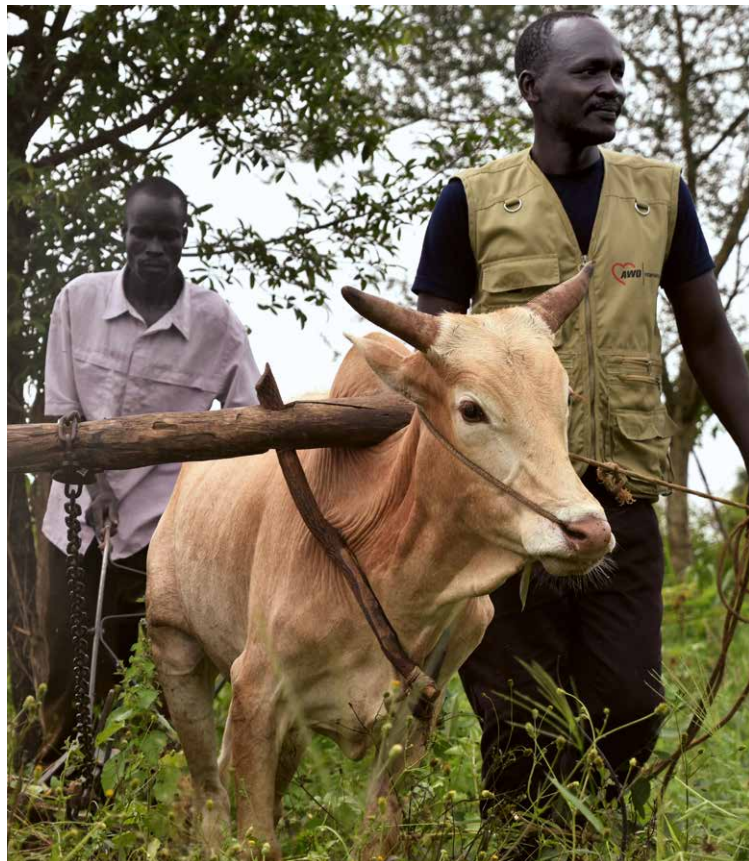
In the north of Uganda, both refugees and Ugandan families often live on the poverty line. The impact of climate change is adding to the difficulties they face in their lives: The rainy seasons have changed; drought periods are longer, and harvests have been severely affected. Together with our Ugandan partner organization AFARD, we support self-organised farmers' associations that have already been able to significantly improve the living conditions and food security in the region.

The project is active in the Bidibidi refugee camp and surrounding communities. Bidibidi is one of the largest refugee camps in the world, housing approximately 246,000 refugees from South Sudan. Most families in the region live off agriculture and grow food for their own consumption. Malnutrition and food insecurity are widespread. The project aims to strengthen self-organization and foster new opportunities. In our work we focus on the refugees as well as the people from the neighbouring villages.

Since the start of the project in 2019, AFARD staff have already established 18 self-organised farmers' and savings associations. The groups meet regularly and take part in training courses on healthy nutrition and climate-adaptive farming, which are offered by our partner organization. The farmers also pay a small amount of money each week into their group's community fund, which gives them access to low-cost loans. "The savings have helped farmers to take out loans and start small businesses. This has already helped to significantly improve their living conditions," said Moses Eyotre, project manager at AFARD.

As part of the project, each group of farmers was given two oxen, which are trained by group members to plough fields and transport produce. This in turn allows the groups to expand their cultivation areas and be more productive. "The animals also prove to be an important source of income for the groups, because group members and non-members have to pay for ploughing," Moses Eyotre told us: "Group members only pay a token amount, while non-members contribute





more. The income is divided among all group members at the end of the year and invested, for example, in children's education or in setting up businesses."

The project participants have also established a joint farmers' cooperative with the support of Moses Eyotre and his colleagues. The chairperson of the cooperative, Olima Swaibu, talked about the first successes: "Our cooperative started in December 2021 with 121 members. Now we already have 297 members, and almost half of them are refugees from South Sudan. And most of the members are women. In the last three months alone, we've generated about 1,300,000 shillings." The cooperative's goal is to work with its members to establish efficient farming systems while creating added value through processing crops. The project has already had a positive impact on the lives of many people in the Bidibidi refugee camp and has significantly stabilised the income of its participants. "The cooperative has given members the opportunity to earn at two levels. Firstly, they sell their produce to the cooperative. And secondly, the cooperative processes these products and then sells them on to the external market, which yields much greater profits. At the end of the year the profits are then distributed back to the members," Moses Eyotre explained.

Participants report improvements in nutrition, higher income, better access to health services and stronger social cohesion between refugees and the local population. The project thus makes an important contribution to improving resilience while also promoting peaceful coexistence between refugees and the local population.

## About the programme

**COUNTRY** Uganda • **NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS** 5 • **DURATION** 2019–2022 • **BUDGET FOR 2022** EUR 390,833 • **SPONSOR** BMZ • **NUMBER OF PEOPLE SUPPORTED** 12,238

## OUR WORK IN EAST AFRICA

Uganda

The focus of our project work in Uganda is on food security, disaster preparedness and climate change adaptation. In the reporting year 2022, we carried out

**5** development projects and

**2** disaster preparedness projects in Uganda

We worked with **5** partner organizations and

directly supported **15,462** people



## SOUTHEAST ASIA

# COMMUNITY AND SUSTAINABILITY: THE INSPIRING STORY OF A SMALL-SCALE FISHERMAN FROM MINDANAO

Ramon Mondejar's life is like the tides of the sea. He is a small-scale fisherman from the coastal town of Maasim in Mindanao, Philippines. One day he was caught by the navy in Indonesian waters and imprisoned for a year. This experience changed his life and inspired him to share his experiences with the community and help others.

In Mindanao, small-scale fishermen are only allowed to fish within 15 kilometres of the coast. However, these waters are being increasingly depleted by large-scale commercial fishers. Climate change leads to infectious diseases and coral death, while mangrove deforestation threatens the habitat and food base of many fish species. Plastic pollution in the sea is also contributing to the rapid decline of fish stocks. These problems forced Ramon Mondejar and almost a million other fishermen to cross the permitted limit to earn at least two euro a day. As a result, he was arrested for illegal fishing in Indonesia and held for a year. Upon his return he continued his work but made sure to only stay in the permitted waters.

After this difficult time the now 48-year-old completely turned his life around and is serving as president of the Asnalang 6 Fisherfolk Association. This is a group consisting of fishermen, women and young people who advocate for solidarity and better living conditions in their community. The group was established in 2018 by AWO International in partnership with the local organization OND Hesed Foundation. Over the past six years members have received training in human rights, environmental awareness, organizational and skills development. The Asnalang Group also assisted with COVID-19 relief efforts, organises monthly coastal clean-ups and mangrove plantings.

The association was officially registered in 2019 and received grants for fish cages from the provincial authorities in 2021. They were also provided with two





motorboats. This support was made possible through the collaboration of the OND Hesed Foundation with the Ministry of Labour and Employment. “My family appreciates the opportunities that have opened up through the support from OND Hesed and AWO International,” Fisher says. “We want to take care of the group and expand the business we started.” From 2020 to 2021 they collectively generated a net income of around EUR 2000. The number of fish cages was expanded, and the government supported them with fish food, seedlings and fishing supplies. As the region is becoming a tourist destination, the association also rents out its boats to visitors, which earns them up to EUR 50 per week. This income helps Asnalang members improve their standard of living and pay for education.

Ramon is enthusiastic about the solidarity within the group: “In the past, everyone just minded their own business. But now you can see how people help each other at work and in everyday life. We learnt to work together and be compassionate.” His wife Rowena added that many women became more confident. She used to be afraid to approach people and speak in front of large crowds. The women enjoy being able to contribute to the welfare of their families and community through the group activities and through the leadership roles and responsibilities they have taken on. Ramon and his fellow members know that they still have a lot to learn, but they are open to new knowledge and skills to further expand their social enterprise. They already have fish cages, motorboats and capable members. Their plan is to offer a comprehensive agritourism experience, which will create more jobs and enhance environmental awareness in the area.

### About the programme

**COUNTRIES** Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines • **NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS** 10 • **DURATION** 2021–2023 • **BUDGET FOR 2022** EUR 930,081 • **SPONSOR** BMZ • **NUMBER OF PEOPLE SUPPORTED** 16,900



### OUR WORK IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Indonesia • Malaysia • Philippines

In Southeast Asia, we work with our partners to promote safe migration and combat human trafficking. Another focus is on disaster preparedness. In the reporting year 2022, we implemented

**10** development projects and

**4** humanitarian aid projects

We worked with **13** partners and

directly reached **39,215** people





## SOUTH ASIA

# COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR CLIMATE REFUGEES IN BANGLADESH

Every year the monsoon season brings cyclones and floods. Gaibandha has many inhabited river islands that are particularly affected by climate change. This results in more and more people becoming displaced from their villages. Many flee abroad, often via dangerous routes.

Since 2020 AWO International has been active on the ground, collaborating with the partner organization Gana Unnayan Kendra (GUK). The aim is to strengthen the climate resilience of community members and address the challenges of migration and climate-related displacement. The project activities are implemented by community-based organizations. GUK has established 54 such groups locally, in which a total of 1,080 migrants, returnees and climate refugees are actively involved. The groups meet regularly to discuss issues in the community and to raise awareness about safe migration and climate adaptation. The group leaders help their members get access to migration authorities and livestock and agriculture administrative offices. They also develop measures to protect the community from extreme weather events. Members can undergo training in income-generating activities in agriculture and other fields. Furthermore, 70 climate refugee families have already found new, safe homes with sanitation facilities, solar panels and clean drinking water in the villages built as part of the project.

### From farmer to community leader

Azadul Islam, a 53-year-old farmer, lives on a river island in Fulchari. A climate refugee, he was selected to be a member of a community-based organization in 2021 and was appointed as the leader of the organization due to his dedication and team skills. As part of the project, group leaders receive comprehensive training on climate change, safe migration and advocacy. He knows the needs of the community well: "People primarily need guidance on how to adapt to climate change and how to set up small businesses," Azadul Islam explains. He started by





developing emergency plans and raising awareness among the residents about flood preparedness measures. “Another task is to identify potential business opportunities to enable community members to realise their work ambitions.” Azadul Islam leads the group meetings with skill and empathy, delegates tasks and networks with stakeholders to ensure the long-term sustainability of the activities. His tireless dedication to the common good has made him a respected figure in his community.

### Rice banks for more food security

Azadul Islam is also responsible for one of 42 rice banks established under the project. “The rice bank benefited our members in several ways during the floods,” Azadul Islam tells us. All members of the community-based organizations store a small amount of rice each month. Some of the rice is sold and the proceeds paid into the bank accounts of the groups. This money is kept for emergencies. “We have also set up seed banks so that people can grow vegetables in times of need,” said the community leader. This ensures food security and reduces dependence on external aid. These initiatives also promote community collaboration and a sense of shared responsibility.

In the new project phase from 2023 to 2025, AWO International will continue to work with GUK to strengthen the community-based organizations. The group leaders will also organise events with the local government to discuss migration-related challenges and explore collaborative strategies. “We want to make the leaders’ voices heard and support them in advocating for their communities,” explains Joya Prasad, GUK project coordinator.

### About the programme

**COUNTRIES** Bangladesh, India, Nepal • **NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS** 7 • **DURATION** 2023–2025 • **BUDGET FOR 2022** EUR 474,361 • **SPONSOR** BMZ • **NUMBER OF PEOPLE SUPPORTED** 77,889



### OUR WORK IN SOUTH ASIA

Bangladesh • India • Nepal • Pakistan

In South Asia we focus on promoting safe migration and combating human trafficking. In the reporting year 2022, we carried out

**6** development projects and

**3** humanitarian projects

We worked with **8** partner organizations and

reached **104,983** people





## CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO

# INCLUSIVE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION IN CENTRAL AMERICA

In Central America, people with disabilities are virtually excluded from society. Their situation is extremely difficult due to their lack of integration, and they have limited access to work and education. There are many natural disasters in the region, and hardly any corresponding risk and evacuation prevention for people with disabilities. Since 2020, we have been working on an inclusive disaster risk reduction project together with the Workers' Samaritan Federation and the Christian Blind Mission. Our partners ACOPEDIS and CORDES are coordinating the project's implementation in Guatemala and El Salvador.

Guatemala and El Salvador are among the countries in the world with the highest threat of seismic and volcanic activity, both affected by droughts, storms, hurricanes and floods. In 2022 alone, over 5 million people in Guatemala were severely impacted by persistent tropical rains that resulted in 64 deaths. In the same year, El Salvador was hit by Tropical Storm Julia, which caused floods and landslides and destroyed thousands of homes. Until 2020, there were no adequate evacuation plans in place for people with disabilities. In most cases, these people could not be evacuated and were therefore exposed to life-threatening situations.

The joint project on disaster risk reduction aims to implement the commitments of the Sendai Framework. The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 is an international agreement on risk reduction. It was adopted in Sendai, Japan, in 2015 and provides a basis for action for states and civil societies worldwide. People with disabilities must be empowered in training, advocacy and institutions to promote their rights and create an inclusive society.

Together with ACOPEDIS, we trained 60 families of people with disabilities in Guatemala in disaster management and disability management by the end of 2022. We also implemented structural measures for accessibility while we were there. An important achievement in Guatemala was the participation of ACOPEDIS in the update of the State Disaster Management Coordination Unit. In addition, two young people with disabilities participated as representatives in a Central American forum on natural disasters. 30 families in El Salvador received training and emergency backpacks. Training and awareness-raising workshops on inclusive





risk management were held and attended by national civil protection authorities and others. In addition, sign language workshops were offered in El Salvador.

"We are already seeing positive impacts on communities and families. In the final phase of the project, we want to continue working to strengthen the skills of people with disabilities and further raise awareness of the issue," explains Loida Yax, Humanitarian Aid Programme Coordinator at AWO International in Guatemala. The intensive awareness-raising work has helped responsible officials at regional and state level become more sensitive to the issue. "We want to implement more inclusivity measures with officials to achieve equality for people in society who have disabilities and for health workers to receive training in both Guatemala and El Salvador," said Loida Yax. The project will end in 2024, by which time the people with disabilities who are participating will have become spokespersons for rights and equality. It also aims to ensure that appropriate evacuation techniques for people with disabilities are included in rescue exercises.



## OUR WORK IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO

El Salvador • Guatemala • Honduras •  
Mexico • Nicaragua

In Central America and Mexico, our focus is on safe migration, violence prevention and disaster risk reduction. In the reporting year 2022, we completed

**9** development projects and

**2** emergency humanitarian aid projects

We worked with **10** local partner organizations and

directly helped **28,022** people

### About the project

**REGION** Central America, Guatemala, El Salvador • **PARTNERS** Consortium of AWO International, Workers' Samaritan Federation (ASB) and Christian Blind Mission (CBM), local partner organizations: ACOPEDIS (Guatemala) and CORDES (El Salvador) •

**DURATION** November 2020–January 2024 • **BUDGET** 2 million euros • **SPONSORS** BMZ, own contribution by ASB, AWO International and CBM • **NUMBER OF PEOPLE SUPPORTED** 1,068



## EUROPE

# SOLIDARITY IN TIMES OF WAR: EMERGENCY AID IN UKRAINE

Even though the war has been part of everyday life for many Ukrainians since the annexation of Crimea in 2014, Russia's invasion on 24 February 2022 constituted a catastrophic escalation of the conflict: Overnight, people's homes were no longer a safe place, men were sent to the front, and schools and hospitals became targets of Russian attacks. Overnight, for over 40 million Ukrainians everyday activities such as shopping or working meant risking their lives. Together with Ukrainian partner organizations, AWO International therefore organises sustainable support for the people in Ukraine.

A very special partnership connects the district association of AWO Upper Bavaria with Ukraine: The association has been working with the Ukrainian aid organization Walnut House for many years. The crisis situation at the beginning of 2022 required fast and uncomplicated help: "I contacted our partners as soon as the news of the outbreak of war reached me," said Wolfgang Schindele (AWO Upper Bavaria). Just one day later the association, together with AWO International, organised relief transports for the mobile kitchen set up by Walnut House in Lviv to feed people who had to flee.

In Wunsiedel concerned individuals were also quick to take action. As Alexander Wagner (AWO regional association of Wunsiedel) remembers: "When I saw the news of people fleeing and arriving at the Polish border, I immediately knew that we had to do something."

In collaboration with AWO International, the AWO district associations of Unterfranken and Potsdam, along with the AWO state association of Brandenburg, also coordinated swift support for the Ukrainian population. A total of 19 aid shipments to Ukraine and Poland were organised in the first four months following the start of the war.

In order to be able to support the refugees as effectively as possible, AWO International, together with Solidar Suisse, also became active in Romania from March 2022: Well over three million Ukrainians have fled to the neighbouring country since the beginning of the war. In Timișoara, a city in western Romania, the Romanian partner organization LOGS distributed vouchers and cash to refugees and offered advice on topics such as housing, work and education. AWO International also supports refugees in Brașov (Transylvania) in collaboration with the





Romanian organization Migrant Integration Centre, providing cash payments, psychological support, counselling services and hosting social activities.

During the first half of the year the focus was on establishing emergency aid structures and providing immediate aid to refugees. However, in anticipation of a cold winter, the focus had shifted to winter aid in the autumn of 2022. For instance, together with the partner organization Narodna Dopomoha Ukraine (NDU) in the Kyiv region, damaged windows and doors of homes were repaired to make them winter-proof. "We have already been able to help 1,230 people," says Anastasiya Beridze of NDU, and she continues: "Without our help these people would not have been able to stay in their homes or would have had huge difficulty heating their homes." In addition, NDU, in collaboration with AWO International, initiated the renovation of schools and kindergartens in Irpin, Bucha and Hostomel, as well as the establishment of air-raid shelters in these institutions. Together with our Ukrainian partner organization saved, we also set up 20 warming rooms in schools in Chernihiv, a city 150 kilometres north of Kyiv.

Another focus of AWO International's work in Ukraine is on supporting particularly vulnerable groups such as women, children and people with disabilities. In the autumn AWO International provided support to the organization Walnut House in the construction and renovation of a women's shelter in Lviv. "That is urgently needed," explains Yuriy Lopatynskyy from Walnut House, "because the war deprives Ukrainian women of their safety. Family structures are breaking down and women in particular are often at risk of losing property and income." Thanks to the initiative of Walnut House, women who have experienced domestic violence or have fled from the war can now find a safe place to stay and receive psychological support.

### About the programme

**COUNTRIES** Ukraine, Romania • **NUMBER OF HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS** 9 • **DURATION** 2022–2024 • **BUDGET 2022** EUR 2,114,406 • **SPONSORS** ADH, donations • **NUMBER OF PEOPLE SUPPORTED** 118,551



## OUR WORK IN EUROPE

Ukraine • Romania

In Ukraine in 2022 we were primarily involved in emergency humanitarian aid, but we also supported the reconstruction of housing and social facilities. In Romania, we supported Ukrainian refugees. In the reporting year 2022 we implemented

**9** humanitarian aid projects,

We worked with **6** local partner organizations and together provided

support for **118 551** people



## HUMANITARIAN ACTION

# FLOOD RELIEF AND SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN

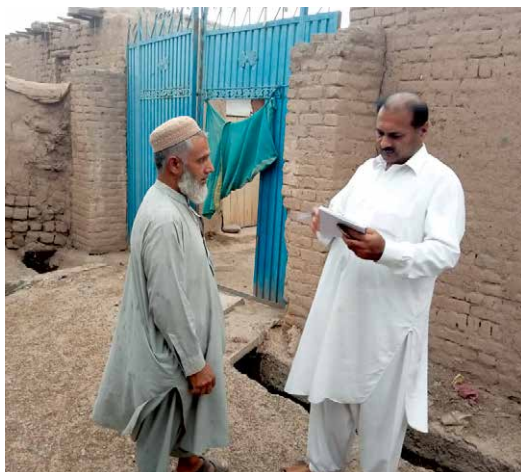
Weeks of heavy rainfall caused major flooding in Pakistan between July and September 2022. Millions of people were affected by the flood disaster, and more than 1,000 people lost their lives. Together with Solidar Suisse, we are supporting the affected people in Pakistan with emergency shelter, food, hygiene products and kitchen utensils.

"Global warming is driving these extreme events. The Himalayan glacier melt and heavy rains are not Pakistan's fault. No country is prepared for such a major disaster," said Felix Gnehm, director of our partner Solidar Suisse in Zurich. The monsoon rains and floods last year are considered the most severe ever seen in the region. Experts attribute these weather extremes to man-made climate change. Pakistan is one of the countries most at risk from such weather events. It is also one of the countries with the lowest CO<sub>2</sub> emissions worldwide. Through our emergency aid project, 7,000 people whose homes were destroyed and whose livestock perished will receive the essentials to ensure their survival.

Even before the flood disaster, AWO International, together with Solidar Suisse and the local NGO Sustainable Peace and Development Organization (SPADO), supported Afghan refugees in Pakistan with relief supplies. Many Afghans fled to the neighbouring country when the Taliban seized power in August 2021. In the two refugee camps Nasir Bagh and Taj Abad in the Peshawar region, SPADO's staff are therefore providing support to Afghan refugees by distributing food and hygiene packages. They also provide informal educational opportunities for children and young people as the refugees do not have access to schools.



Ameenullah (see picture below left) also had to leave his home country with his family. Before the withdrawal of US and NATO troops in August 2021, life was peaceful for him. He worked as a day labourer and lived on the outskirts of Kunduz, a city in northern Afghanistan, along with eight children and his mother. Today, Kunduz is considered a Taliban stronghold. With the Taliban takeover the rules for the local people began to change. Shops closed, public life came to a standstill and there was no work. "We, the people of Afghanistan, have become sandwiched in this war. We are constantly on the move because there has been no peace and no sustainability in Afghanistan in the past decades," says the 52-year-old. Ameenullah decided to leave the city. Together with other refugees they travelled in a truck for three days to the Pakistani border. Today, Ameenullah and his family live with a host family in a mud house. They receive relief supplies from local aid organizations like SPADO. Despite this the situation remains precarious, and the father is deeply concerned about the future. "In the past the authorities had a relaxed attitude towards refugees. Now we live in a constant state of fear and uncertainty, with no hope of returning home soon."



## About the project

**REGION** South Asia, Pakistan • **PARTNERS** Sustainable Peace and Development Organization (SPADO) & Solidar Suisse • **DURATION** 1 February 2022 – 31 August 2023 • **BUDGET FOR 2022** EUR 226,366 • **SPONSORS** ADH, donations • **NUMBER OF PEOPLE SUPPORTED** 12,000





## OUR WORK IN GERMANY

In addition to flood relief following the catastrophic flooding in July 2021, we are active in the field of development education work in Germany. Within this framework, we work with educational professionals and disseminators on topics such as social justice, sustainability, and fair trade. Our development education and information work focuses on the challenges and opportunities of globalisation and promotes sustainable and value-based action. We also sell our own fairly and ecologically produced coffee and tea specialities and thus support fair trade.

**15,576** flood victims in Rhineland-Palatinate and North Rhine-Westphalia received financial and/or psychosocial support at our flood offices or via our hotlines.

We sold **6,208** packets of coffee, espresso and tea in 2022.

We reached **10,442** people with our "Boycott Qatar" campaign on Instagram.

Our website was visited **96,914** times in 2022.





## OUR WORK IN GERMANY • HUMANITARIAN ACTION

# AWO FLOOD RELIEF IN GERMANY

It's now been two years since the flood disaster in western Germany. However, the need for support in the affected communities remains great. Many people find the complex official reconstruction applications to difficult to handle. There was very little time for rest and reflection during the initial phase of cleaning up and renovating. As life returns to normal the psychological consequences of the flood are becoming more and more apparent.

Together with the AWO federal association and the AWO district associations Rhineland, Middle Rhine, Lower Rhine and Western Westphalia, AWO International was active during the acute phase in 2021 and continues to stand by people in their time of need. In 2022 the AWO flood offices focused on supporting the people affected in applying for government reconstruction aid, disbursing donated funds and providing psychosocial services.

The need for support remains immense. Our flood advisors provided strong support, especially to the elderly and people with limited German, helping them navigate bureaucratic challenges and gain access to additional financial assistance. Psychosocial support also played an important role. Many people still struggle with anxiety, sleep problems and panic attacks, especially when it rains. This is why social workers and psychologists were on duty in our flood offices in the Ahr valley, in the Eifel region and in Hagen. They always had an open ear for the concerns and challenges of the flood victims and, when needed, arranged professional psychological support.

To allow people to take a break from the exhausting tasks of reconstruction, the flood advisors regularly organised leisure activities and provided opportunities for them to

clear their heads and recharge their batteries. For example, we organised the 'Wintertreff' winter events in Bad Neuenahr in 2021/2022. "Eight months after the flood, few shops have reopened and many people feel abandoned," said Christiane Thul Steinheuer, the manager of Wintertreff on Nelkenweg in Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler, when we visited in March 2022. "Our meals offer a sense of routine. Most people stay for several hours to chat and socialise." As the winter events became important social meeting places, they also received funding in the summer. The flood relief team of the AWO district association Rhineland regularly organise bingo and arts and crafts afternoons there while always being attentive and open to the visitors' concerns.

The flood disaster has left many children and young people with deep psychological wounds. There is now also a lack of places where children can forget about their experience for a while. The flood relief teams therefore organised various excursions and activities, including alpaca hikes and an ice-skating disco, to put some fun back into the children's lives and give them a sense of normalcy. One highlight in 2022 was the week-long riding trip for children organised by our AWO flood relief office in Hagen. The children had a great time on the Teldau pony farm.





## EXCHANGE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION: INTERNATIONAL COLLEAGUES VISIT GERMANY

With our international humanitarian aid projects we prepare people for potential disasters and support vulnerable groups after earthquakes and floods and those fleeing their homes. In September 2022 all humanitarian staff from our offices in Guatemala, Uganda, Nepal, the Philippines and Berlin gathered in Germany for a two-week workshop. During this event they exchanged experiences, shared successful examples and discussed challenges encountered during project implementation.

Lalit Thapa, project manager for humanitarian aid in the Nepal regional office, gained valuable insight there for his work in South Asia: "Excellent inclusive disaster preparedness work is being done in Guatemala. In the Philippines my colleagues have developed a great action guide, and a climate change adaptation project is in preparation in Uganda. The lessons learnt from other regions are very helpful for the advancement of our own projects."

The group also visited Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH) in Bonn. "It was a very interesting visit because we only knew ADH from the logo, and I didn't know who the people behind it were. It was lovely to meet them in person and see how they work," said Charmaine Marinas, humanitarian aid project manager at AWO International's Southeast Asia regional office.

Afterwards, the international colleagues visited the areas affected by the 2021 flood disaster in the Eifel region and

in the Ahr valley, where AWO International, together with four AWO district associations, is providing humanitarian aid in Germany. "The visit to the flood-affected areas was a great opportunity for me to learn more about the German relief system," Surendra Gautam, head of AWO International's regional office in Nepal, told us: "What I realised here is that there are big differences, concerning basic needs for example. In Germany, washing machines were distributed to satisfy a basic need. In my country, Nepal, the most pressing thing we have to deal with after a disaster is probably food." In the Ahr valley, the group went to an afternoon game of bingo hosted by AWO Wintertreff. "It was lovely to spend time with the elderly people," said Barbra Karungi, project coordinator at AWO International's regional office in Uganda: "When one of them gave a speech, you could really tell that they've been through a lot. But they are ready to overcome the traumatic experiences of the flood disaster together."

The international colleagues were particularly impressed by the great solidarity shown towards the people affected by the floods in Germany: "It's interesting to see the differences there are in terms of funding," Barbra Karungi said: "I think it's also because the German government is willing to support those affected by the floods. This is something we don't have in Uganda. I wish we had the opportunity in Uganda to have continuous funding for our projects through donations and government support to assist the citizens."



# PROJECTS 2022

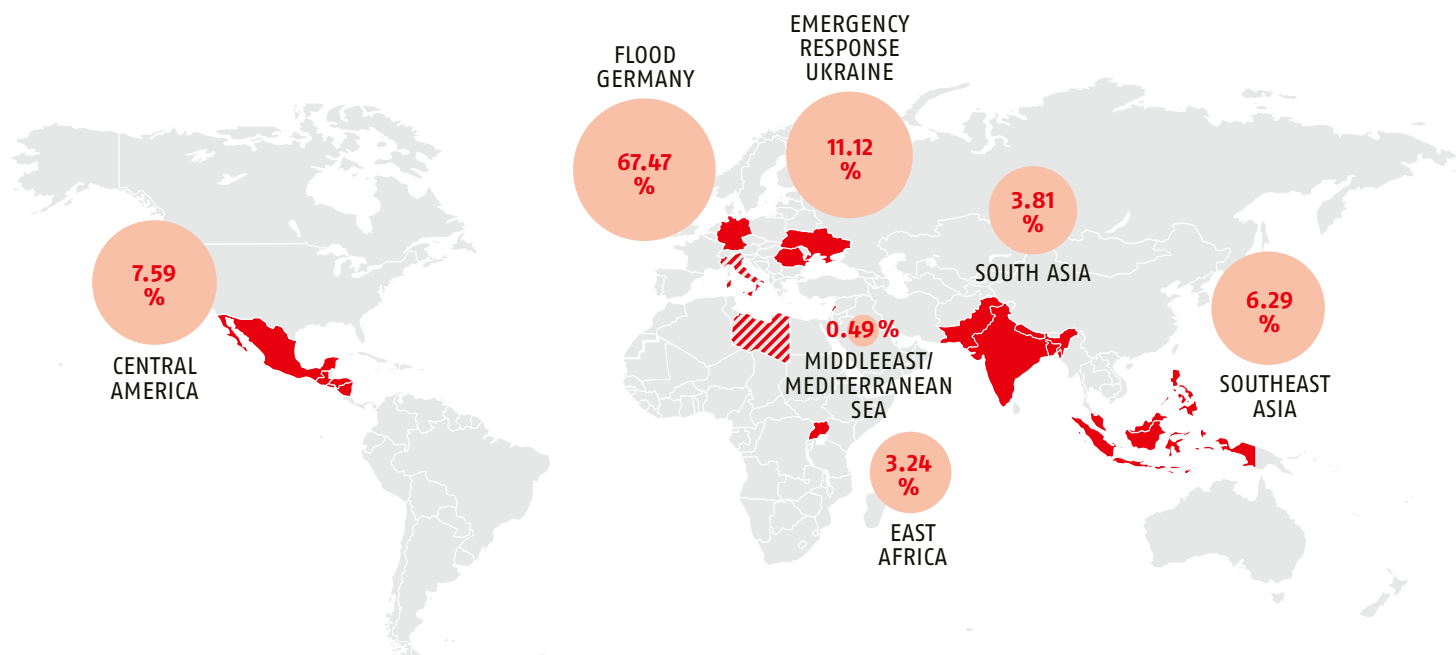
Region/ Country	NRO Partner	Project Focus	Direct Beneficiaries	Project Expenses in €
CENTRAL AMERICA				
EL SALVADOR	Cristosal	Migration	580	134,576
GUATEMALA, EL SALVADOR	ACOPEDIS, Cordes, AWO International	Disaster risk reduction	1,068	254,022
GUATEMALA	ACCSS	Migration	6,825	120,770
	ECAP	Migration	1,058	144,525
	ECAP, AWO International	Disaster risk reduction	1,790	37,211
MEXICO	IMUMI	Migration	205	104,168
	UMUN	Migration	4,250	74,322
NICARAGUA	Cantera	Migration	n/a	19,181
HONDURAS	OCDIH	Migration	11,167	281,231
	CASM	Migration	340	268,183
	OCDIH	Emergency relief	739	4,258
Total Central America			28,022	1,442,447
EAST AFRICA				
UGANDA	AFARD	Food Security	2,115	96,601
	COVOID	Food Security	2,700	81,607
	ECO	Food Security	1,540	76,403
	UCOBAC	Food Security	2,243	66,960
	RICE-WN	Food Security	3,640	69,262
	AFARD	Disaster risk reduction	3,190	215,962
	AWO International	Disaster risk reduction	34	9,016
Total East Africa			15,462	615,811
SOUTH ASIA				
BANGLADESH	GUK	Migration	1,080	129,601
INDIA	Kolkata Sanved	Migration	162	39,437
	SKHM	Migration	203	1,852
NEPAL	NEEDS	Migration	35,035	71,836
	NEEDS	Emergency relief	10,140	6,057
	WOSCC	Migration	6,209	150,862
	HURF	Migration	35,200	80,774
	BEE Group, AWO International	Disaster risk reduction	4,954	17,125
PAKISTAN	SPADO, Solidar Suisse	Emergency relief	12,000	226,366
Total South Asia			104,983	723,910
SOUTHEAST ASIA				
INDONESIA	ADBMI	Migration	5,500	133,936
	PPK	Migration	2,545	111,885
INDONESIA, MALAYSIA	INFEST	Migration	793	67,572
	Migrant CARE	Migration	1,304	63,398



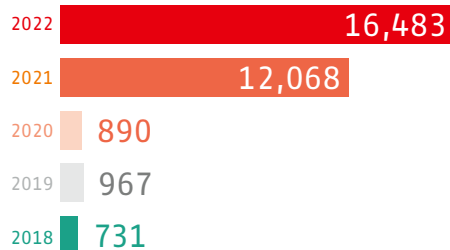
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PHILIPPINES	TALIKALA	Migration	489	55,783
	CMA	Migration	2,161	116,332
	MMCEAI	Migration	1,100	93,400
	OND Hased	Migration	1,428	89,217
	Blas Ople Center	Migration	1,500	121,006
	ECOWEB, AWO International incl. support project	Disaster risk reduction	6,155	40,788
	ECOWEB, AWO International	Disaster risk reduction	7,000	111,439
	HOPE worldwide Philippines	Emergency relief	6,290	52,462
	CONCERN	Disaster risk reduction	2,870	60,000
PHILIPPINEN, INDONESIEN, MALAYSIA	Migrant Forum Asia (MFA)	Migration	80	77,551
Total Southeast Asia			39,215	1,194,771
MIDDLE EAST AND MEDITERRANEAN SEA				
MEDITERRANEAN SEA	SOS Humanity, ADRA Deutschland	Emergency relief	2,832	Use of funds from 2021
LEBANON	Mousawat, Volkshilfe Österreich	Emergency relief	618	93,386
Total Middle East and Mediterranean Sea			3,450	93,386
FLOOD GERMANY				
GERMANY (FLOOD 2021)	AWO International, AWO Bundesverband and AWO Lifebalance	Emergency relief	305	76,882
	AWO BV Rheinland	Emergency relief	9,750	9,663,855
	AWO BV Mittelrhein	Emergency relief	4,000	3,084,370
	AWO BV Westl. Westfalen	Emergency relief	1,521	Use of funds from 2021
Total Flood Germany			15,576	12,825,107
EMERGENCY RESPONSE UKRAINE				
ROMANIA	LOGS, MIC, Solidar Suisse	Emergency relief	3,627	207,000
	LOGS, MIC, Solidar Suisse	Emergency relief	13,000	410,225
UKRAINE	AWO International (in cooperation with AWO KV Wunsiedel, BV Oberbayern, LV Brandenburg, BV Potsdam, BV Unterfranken)	Emergency relief	63,086	335,458
	NDU, Volkshilfe	Emergency relief	16,752	244,537
	NDU, Volkshilfe	Emergency relief	6,200	214,069
	Vostok SOS, VIS, Solidar Suisse	Emergency relief	1,500	303,117
	Walnut House	Emergency relief	270	100,000
	Right to Protection	Emergency relief	1,540	150,000
	savED	Emergency relief	12,576	150,000
	Total Emergency Response Ukraine			118,551
DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAMS				
GERMANY	AWO International	Education	45	26,761
	AWO International	Education	23	46,037
Total Development Education and Awareness Programs			68	72,798

# FACTS AND FIGURES

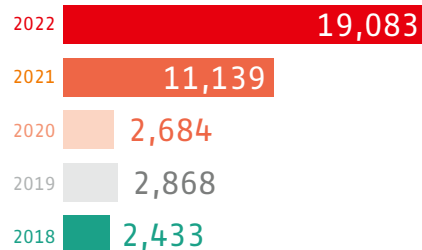
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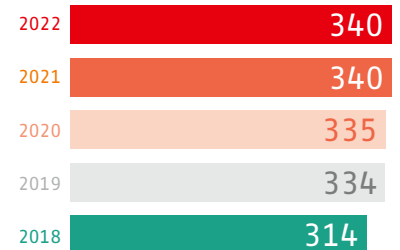
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## DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT EXPENSES in thousand €



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## Transparency

The transparent handling of donations and public funds is important to us. We use the funds made available to us efficiently and report regularly about our work. Each year, we voluntarily undergo an external audit. AWO International has signed the commitment of the Transparent Civil Society Initiative. An overview according to the 10 points we published on our web-

site. AWO International is a member of the "Deutscher Spendenrat" (German Donations Council). We are committed to disclose structures, activities, projects and finances as part of an annual report, and to review our finances. The result is published annually. AWO International was additionally awarded the donation certificate of the "Deutscher Spendenrat" in 2021.



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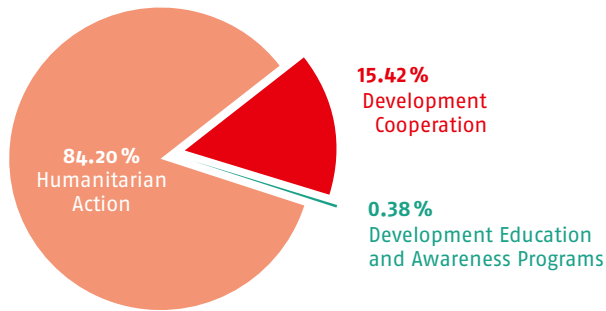


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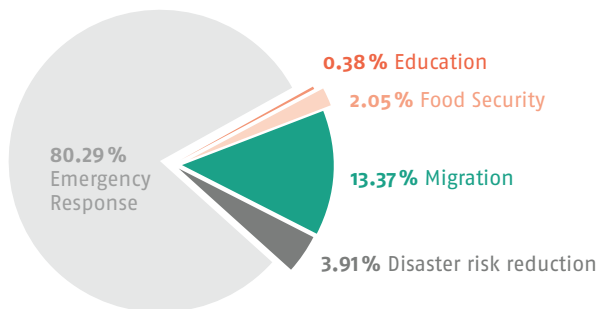




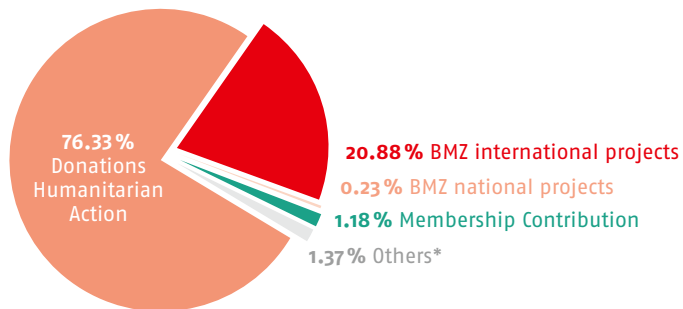
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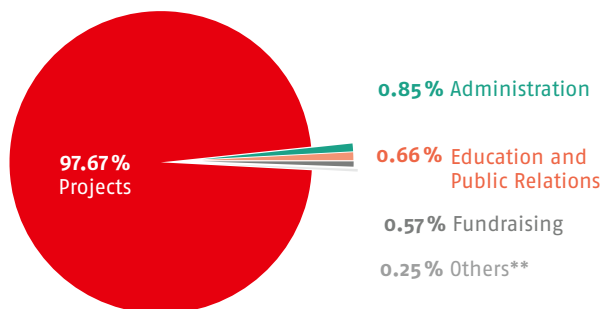


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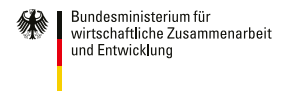
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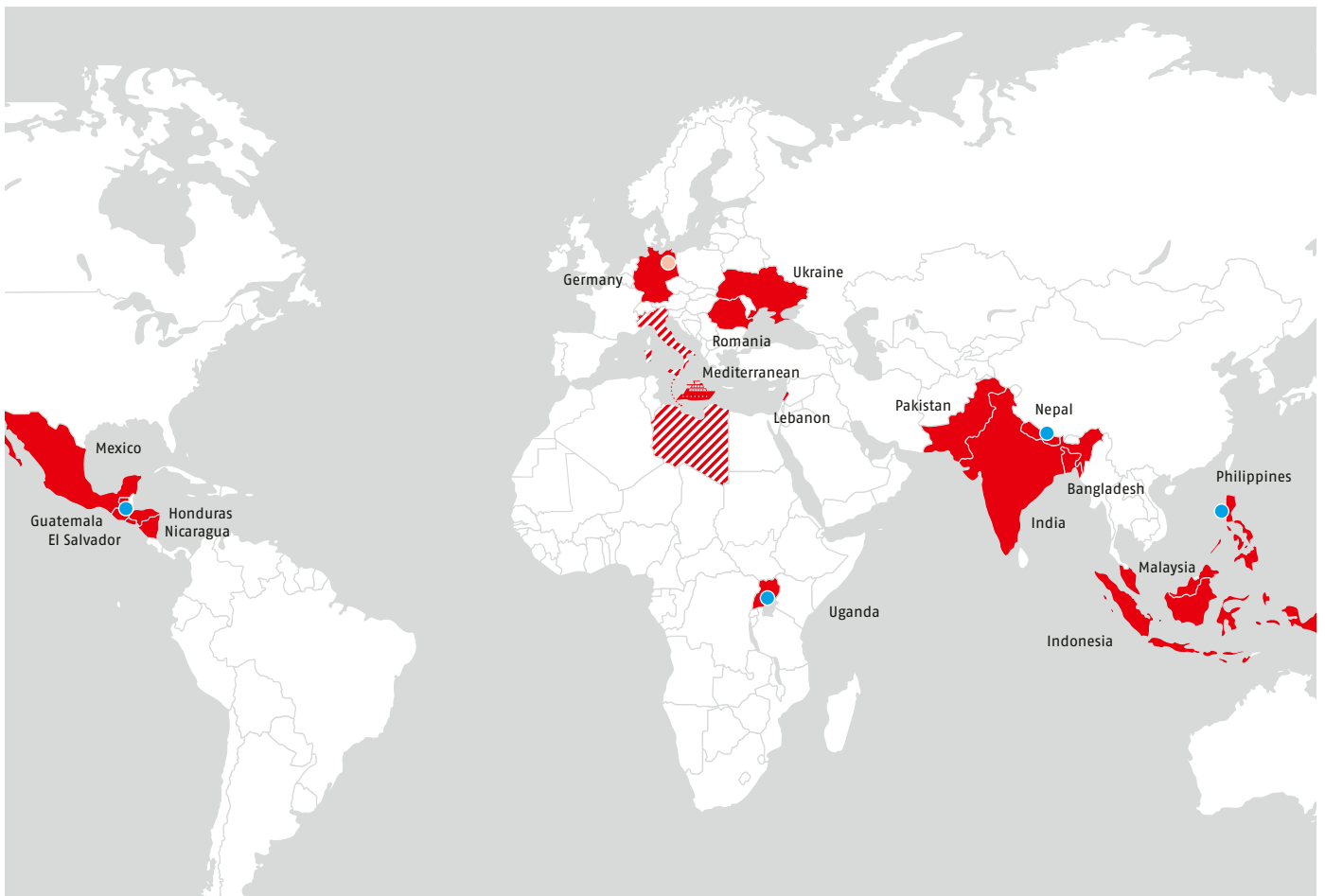
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